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Former Student Government Association President Chris Pace has been charged with a class D felony in connection with the theft of SGA public records from its office on June 30 and his case will go before the grand jury tomorrow for indictment.

According to a uniform

offense report compiled by Northern Kentucky University Police, officers responded to the SGA office July 1 after it was discovered that all public records were missing, along with many other office items that were stolen. Vandalism had also occurred, as many computer keyboards in the office were missing the letters 'L', 'I', 'A' and 'R'.

"It hurts that somebody is that bitter," said SGA President Andy Hixson.

According to Director of Public Safety Harold Todd, all files and materials were recovered a few hours after they arrived on the scene, in the dumpster behind Nunn Hall.

After investigating the scene and talking to witnesses, Todd said they had enough evidence to bring the case to Jack Porter, the commonwealth attorney for Campbell County.

A warrant was then issued for Pace's arrest, and on July 22 he turned himself in.

Pace's attorney waived the preliminary hearing in the Campbell County District Court. If the grand jury indicts Pace, his case will then move on to the Campbell County Circuit Court. Should the grand jury not find enough evidence to proceed, the commonwealth attorney will drop the case.

The class D felony charge of tampering with public records carries a minimum sentence of one year and a maximum of five years.

"We feel that there were other people who collaborated with Mr. Pace," Todd said.

Although Pace is the only suspect who has been criminally charged at the moment, Dean of Students Kent Kelso has

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Chris Pace

Rising tuition not  
keeping students  
away from NKU

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Despite a 16.7 percent tuition increase over the last year, Northern Kentucky University has reached a record-high enrollment with over 14,000 students.

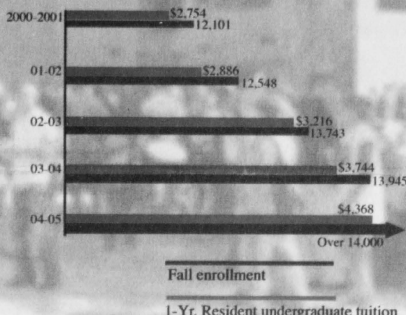
School officials had concerns about the impact of rising tuition on enrollment, yet previous tuition hikes also did not prevent enrollment from increasing. This year's jump followed a 16.4 percent hike last year and a 10 percent increase the previous year, regardless of student protests and a Student Government Association vote against the tuition increase. Still, enrollment has also steadily increased since the fall 2000 semester.

"This fall we expect to again welcome the largest enrollment in our history," said NKU President James Voruba in his State of the University speech Friday.

"Current projections are that we will be well over 14,000 students with a total enrollment increase of about 2 percent."

The total enrollment increase includes a 1 to 2 percent increase in undergraduate enrollment, an almost 10 percent increase in graduate enrollments and an 11 percent increase in the Chase College of Law.

"We'll see continued growth in the number of our African American and Latino students, however we'll have a smaller number of international students



Source: Office of Institutional Research

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due to national security concerns and visa restrictions," Voruba said. "This is a national concern, but it means that the pipelines of international students to our campus and other campuses in this country are becoming smaller."

While NKU may have less numbers with international students, it has been able to attract more local incoming students.

Another university record of over 4,000 freshman applicants contributed to the increased enrollment. The growth is not surprising to some school officials, as NKU had already received 2,972 freshman applications by March 1 of last semester.

In fact, Joel Robinson,

assistant vice president for enrollment management, had set a goal last semester to receive at least 4,000 applications. This task was made easier after NKU officials revised and increased student recruitment efforts to maintain the university's growth after continued tuition hikes set one school year for in-state undergraduate students at \$4,368 this year.

Although tuition is the highest it's ever been at NKU, another reason enrollment increased may be that it is still lower than several other area public schools.

One year's tuition at the University of Kentucky or the University of Louisville are each more than \$5,000, and tuition at the University

of Cincinnati is double that of NKU.

Still, Voruba says NKU has not seen the end of tuition increases, and critical changes must be made to maintain the university's growth.

"While NKU is becoming the first choice for many of the region's best-prepared high school students, our recruitment and marketing strategies must be enhanced to ensure that we are competing effectively for well-prepared students," Voruba said.

"We must ensure that we are making maximum use of our student financial aid... [and] that student retention is the responsibility of every faculty and staff member on this campus."

SGA in  
need of  
change

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After spending last semester hashing out a new constitution, the Student Government Association is now back at the drawing board as university officials deemed it a "flawed document" that was not ready to be voted on by the Board of Regents this past summer.

Originally passed by the Senate on Feb. 18, the student body approved the proposed constitution during the spring election held on April 14 and 15 by a vote of 698-475.

The document was then scheduled to go before the Board of Regents for final approval July 21. However, Northern Kentucky University President James Voruba, under advice from members of his cabinet, recommended sending the constitution back to SGA.

"It was my recommendation, after reading the constitution, that there were significant amount of apparent contradictions within the document itself that led to the problems we had in the ultimate election last spring," said Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel Sara Sidesbottom. "It wasn't ready to go to the Board of Regents."

When SGA President Andy Hixson was elected this past April, the SGA Election Committee disputed the results with university officials, claiming Hixson did not meet eligibility requirements based on its interpretation of the current constitution. The administration had announced Hixson as the winner while the Election Committee said it would not recognize votes for Hixson and declared his opponent, Eric Fegan, as the next president.

According to Sidesbottom, a well-written constitution can be understood by anyone without difficulty or question in interpretation. She noted that this was evidently not the case last semester.

Sidesbottom said that because of all the publicity surrounding the spring election and all the problems that were "inherent" through it, Voruba chose to send the proposed constitution to her office for review.

"When the election became so muddled, it was clear that the document needed to be examined," Sidesbottom said.

Sen. Mike Tobergata, author of the first draft of the proposed constitution, wanted the Board of Regents to at least look at it, as the student body voiced its approval by passing it during the election.

"How can you put someone who was democratically elected, Andy Hixson, into office, and then deny democracy by saying, 'we cannot even look at this constitution that was voted on by the students,' the same students that voted for Andy Hixson," Tobergata said. "To me it was very hypocritical."

"Even though it had been voted in by the students, that's not automatic," Sidesbottom said. "The governing board, the Board of Regents, has to determine whether or not it's appropriate."

Sidesbottom said that although many people saw the election scandal as an embarrassment to the university, she sees it as a good thing, as it will give SGA an opportunity to come out with a better document.

"They lived through this election," she said. "They are, I think, aware of the inconsistencies and the contradictions, and I think they have enough sense to go back and fix the document."

Hixson plans to do just that. He said producing a new constitution is one of his highest priorities of the semester. He hopes to have a new document voted on by Senate and the student body by the end of the semester.

Tobergata said that he is OK with changes

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## Garage still not functional

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Northern Kentucky University's newly-built parking garage will not be ready in time for the first week of classes this semester. The garage was supposed to open for student, faculty and staff use on Monday, Aug. 23, 2004.

Vice President of Student Affairs Mark Shanley sent out an email to campus officials saying, "[W]e have experienced some last minute construction issues that prevent us from opening it as planned."

Vice President of Administration and Finance Ken Ramey said, "We had every intention of having a minimum



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Construction workers continue laboring, in an effort to make the garage accessible to students. It could take weeks before partially opening.

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## Ky. students travel to Athens for Olympics

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as of our print deadline.  
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Owens, who came to Asbury in 1981, was anxious to have his students experience what he



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Asbury college senior Laura Byron (left) logs video as fellow student Steve Thorson handles the boom mic for Greek photographer Nikolaos Chatzistivlianos at the the Olympic Aquatic center at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece.

Ashbury students also have worked the Goodwill Games, Breeders' Cup and Triple Crown races, X-Games, auto races and college football games.

"Since a producer can't follow us everywhere, part of logging also ends up being helping along, making sure everything gets shot that needs to," Byron said. "A lot of writing and just making sure that we keep the tapes, and make

Cobb, an Atlanta resident, is a 2003 graduate of Asbury. He gained initial Olympic experience two years ago at Salt Lake City. Now he is a commentary producer, serving as "kind of a quality control for all the audio at the Games."

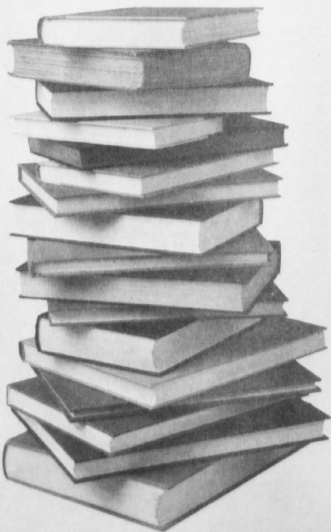
"That's one of the benefits I've had from working here," Cobb said. "Picking up a lot of engineering skills in troubleshooting. We work with the (broadcast) rights holders and we work with the venues and kind of just eliminate problems, eliminate variables."

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# othernews

## New prisoner abuse report released

By Elise Ackerman  
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WASHINGTON — The abuse of prisoners by U.S. soldiers abroad, first depicted in hundreds of graphic photographs from Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq, was "widespread" and responsibility for it extended from commanders on the ground all the way to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld himself, an independent panel concluded Tuesday.

The findings are in sharp contrast to how military officials first sought to minimize the prisoner abuse in Iraq. However, the panel did not seek the resignation of any top-level Defense Department official, nor did it recommend disciplinary action against them.

Rather, the panel found that U.S. forces were not prepared for the "chaos" that followed the war in Iraq and for handling the large numbers of people — soldiers, terrorists and criminals — who were detained in Iraq and Afghanistan. Since Nov. 2001, the panel found, the American military has imprisoned 50,000 people in 43 separate facilities.

"We believe there is personal and institutional responsibility right up the chain of command as far as Washington is concerned," former Defense Secretary James Schlesinger, chairman of the four-member panel, said Tuesday at a Pentagon briefing.

The report represents the first in-depth accounting of the roles senior Pentagon officials played in fostering what critics have called a "climate of abuse" at Abu Ghraib and elsewhere.

However, the report omits any examination of the role played by personnel from the Central Intelligence Agency, even though CIA personnel have been linked to at least two deaths in Iraq and one death in Afghanistan.

The report found that abuse was neither confined to Abu Ghraib, nor to a small group of rogue military police officers who were photographed torturing detainees at the notorious Iraqi prison. Out of 66 cases of confirmed abuse, eight occurred in Guantanamo, three

in Afghanistan and 55 in Iraq, the report stated. Another 145 cases of alleged abuse are under investigation.

Rumsfeld, who asked the panel to conduct its review on May 12 about two weeks after pictures taken at Abu Ghraib were aired on television, did not respond directly to the panel's criticism of himself.

In a written statement, Rumsfeld said:

"The panel has provided important information and recommendations that will be of assistance in our on-going efforts to improve detention operations."

The panel recommended that the Pentagon reform its policies on detention and interrogation, including the way it defines detainees and the relationship between military police and military intelligence. It also called for clear guidelines for the interaction of the CIA and the Defense Department.

The panel included former Defense Secretary Harold Brown, former U.S. Rep. Tille K. Fowler and Air Force General Charles Horner.

Schlesinger said the "insufficient response" from senior leadership to chaos at Abu Ghraib and confusion over interrogation policies in Iraq and elsewhere did not warrant senior resignations.

"At various levels there was some dereliction of duty, at other levels there were mistakes," Horner said. "A lot of careers are going to be ruined over this."

The report said that "dozens" of non-judicial punishments were levied against abusers, information the Pentagon had largely declined to make public. A second report by two army generals, scheduled to be released Wednesday, is expected to recommend disciplinary procedures against more than two dozen military personnel.

Criminal charges are being pressed in only a handful of cases, including the seven members of a military police company that served at Abu Ghraib and a CIA contractor who was charged with the death of a prisoner in Afghanistan.

The report provided an explanation for the paucity of criminal prosecutions: investigations are complete in just 155 of the



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James Schlesinger, the former secretary of defense who headed the commission to investigate abuses at the ABU GHRAIB prison in Iraq, speaks at a news conference following a briefing to Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

300 incidents of alleged detainee abuse. Some of the incidents are already nearly two years old.

The report confirmed that both military police officers and military interrogators have been involved in abuses. It said one in three of all cases of confirmed abuse were linked to interrogations and one in five are alleged to involve Special Operations Forces.

Special forces in Afghanistan adopted aggressive interrogation techniques that were inconsistent with Army policy and later those practices were copied by the officer in charge of interrogations at Abu Ghraib, Capt. Carolyn Wood of the 519th Military Intelligence Battalion.

However, the report stressed that the abuses photographed at Abu Ghraib, which triggered the panel's review and the other investigations, were not part of authorized interrogations but represented "deviant behavior" and "purposeless sadism."

Schlesinger said the Abu Ghraib abuse was inflicted by "freelancers" engaging in "Animal House behavior" on the night shift on Cell Block 1.

Schlesinger and other panel members emphasized that there was no official policy permitting the abuse and that the allegations involve only a small fraction of the 50,000 people detained by U.S. forces, but they stressed that a failure in leadership led to the abuses.

Panel members identified key misjudgments by top officials. For example, the erroneous assumption that Saddam Hussein's government would be quickly replaced by another regime had a cascading effect on planning.

The army failed to anticipate the complexity of the mission it was undertaking and to provide adequate resources to troops in Iraq, the report noted. Even after the military insurgency took hold, leaders on the Joint Chiefs of Staff and at the Army's Central

Command did not consider adding additional forces to the handle detention and interrogation operations.

"There was chaos at Abu Ghraib," Schlesinger observed. Army leaders should have "known about and reacted to" the limitations faced by the military police brigade that was manning the prison and other detention facilities.

The report blamed Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, the senior U.S. commander in Iraq, and his deputy, Maj. Gen. Walter Wajdowski for not urgently requesting additional resources. "We believe LTG Sanchez should have taken stronger action," the report stated.

A second key misjudgment identified in the report was the decision to create various classes of detainees and to allow the use of harsher interrogation techniques on some detainees, but not others.

The report found that interrogation techniques that had been

explicitly approved by Rumsfeld for use in Guantanamo only migrated to Afghanistan and Iraq, and that interrogators became confused over which techniques were authorized and which weren't.

"Some incidents of abuse were clearly cases of misconduct," the report stated. "Other incidents resulted from misinterpretations of law or policy or confusion about what interrogation techniques were permitted by law or local SOPs."

A particular source of confusion was the use of military dogs in interrogations. Though dogs were not used in interrogations in Guantanamo, they were requested by the commander of military intelligence at Abu Ghraib prison. The report said that there was subsequently a number of abuses related to the use of dogs in interrogations and that dogs were also used by military police "for sadistic pleasure."

## Garage

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Blue 1 Assistant Photo Editor

NKU arranged for a shuttle to be provided for students who are unable to find adequate parking, because of the unfinished garage.

## Constitution

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to the proposed constitution, so long as the heart of it is still in tact — the idea of "shared governance," a policy of increased collaboration between SGA and other student organizations. The proposed constitution included the Activities Programming Board and the Residential Housing Association, and many critics of the document claimed that it gave SGA disproportionate control over these organizations.

"I don't feel shared governance is including (APB and RHA) in our constitution and controlling them," Hixson said.

Hixson has created a starting-point constitution for SGA that he claims is a "completely different" version from Tobertga's version.

"I'll fight for my constitution," Tobertga said.

Sidbottom also sees a problem with both the current and proposed constitutions' eligibility requirements for presidential candidates. The current constitution states that "each candidate for President and Executive Vice President must have served one semester on Student Senate or Judicial Council by the beginning of the fall semester

following their election." (Article VI, Sect. 1, B.9)

"Why do you have to have Senate experience to run for president? You exclusively eliminate all the rest of the population on campus," Sidbottom said. "It effectively barred most of the student body from being able to run."

"It kept the power within certain elected people and only certain elected people could then run for the next job. This past election, a group of individuals challenged that, and that's what brought it to light."

Hixson said that his new ver-

sion of the constitution will allow anyone to run for any office.

Sidbottom said that a governing document should protect the weakest member of the governing body, which in this case would be any student interested in running for SGA president. She said that the proposed constitution failed to do that and said that it "smacks of 'cronyism.'"

"Everything sort of tied in to keep the power of the government in the hands of a few," she said.

of 100 spaces open, with the remainder to open mid to late fall. They ran into some issues that could not be resolved by the start of classes, some minor construction issues that needed to get taken care of. Our top priority is the safety of the students and their automobiles."

In the mean time, the overflow parking will be diverted to the old Thriftway parking lot next to the Herrmann center. A free shuttle will run from the parking lot to campus every 15 minutes.

The shuttle hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Ramey said, "We only found out this past Thursday morning [about the garage's being closed.] I have to commend Larry Blake and his staff at the physical plant. They did all the signage and logistics that had to take place for the shuttle, and they pulled it off in a day and half."

Students who use the shuttle service are offered free coffee, and a continental breakfast at the shuttle's pick up point.

Shanley wrote that this was

"[A]n expression of our appreciation for your patience in this matter..."

Ramey said, "There was about 120 people using the shuttle on Monday and 140 on Tuesday. That's pretty successful." The shuttle service will continue until there is no more demand for it. "We really up it the first couple of weeks until the need for it trickles down to a few couple students, then we will discontinue the service," Ramey said.

The delay in the garage's construction is not going to cost the students any more money. When the garage opens it will be free parking for the first couple weeks. Afterwards a fee of \$1 will be charged for those paying with an NKU All Card or \$2 cash.

As to when the garage will be ready to use, Ramey said, "We have been for it. It's really up in the air, it could be as early as two weeks or it could be three or four. We will have a better understanding at the end of the week, what our time frame is."

## Pace

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already sent out charge letters to other students his office believes may be connected with the case. Should they be found guilty, they could face sanctions from the university.

When a sanction is issued, it becomes public information. No hearings, however, have been held yet.

"This has really become quite a mess, and I don't see it being resolved any time soon," Kelso said.

Kelso anticipates that additional charge letters will be sent out.

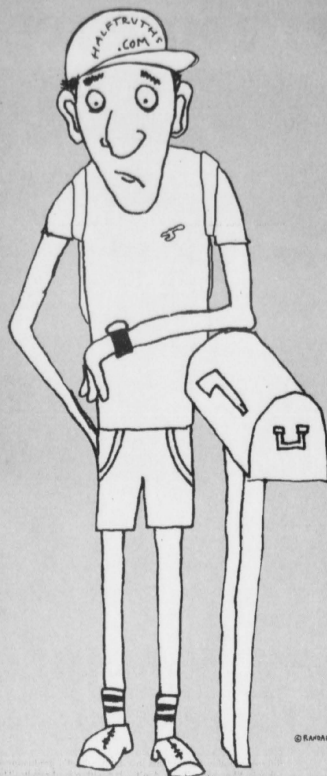
Kelso stressed that the investigation will not be rushed and that "everybody will be handled fairly and justly in this process."

Kelso said it would have been a "huge deal" if all the SGA records had been lost.

According to Kelso, his office is continuing to learn things about the incident.

Both the criminal and university investigations are ongoing and active.

Today anyone with student with information to contact investigator Rob Yellon at 572-6060.




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# viewpoints

## Education, discussion could prevent domestic violence

By Megan Matthews  
*The Seattle Times/NEXT (KRT)*

This should not be a problem anymore.

We should have traveled a long way beyond Biblical times, when women could be stoned to death for prostitution or adultery.

Today, at least in the United States, such behavior is inconceivable. Progressive young women assume they can curl up on the couch at night without worrying that their next-door neighbor is using his partner as a punching bag.

Yet, here we are. Domestic violence may have crept underground to avoid public notice, but it still lurks in the hallways of suburban homes and behind closed doors in college dorms around the nation.

At some point in her life, one out of every four women will be verbally threatened or physically abused. With her new bruises, she joins the vast ranks of domestic-violence victims. In college, students might hear the statistics at orientation or during a violence awareness week.

Yet as survivors warn audiences with personal stories, the words seem to wash right over listeners. Perhaps we grow numb to avoid thinking about

the numbers. According to the National Organization for Women, roughly four women die every day in the United States at the hands of abusers. These statistics should give students pause, but the majority look at the speaker standing before them and think: "Poor woman—but that will never be me."

Maintaining such naivete is extremely dangerous because it refuses to acknowledge that sexual assault and relationship violence are part of the college experience for countless women.

Domestic violence is the leading cause of death to women worldwide, and yet it feels like society has swept the issue under the carpet before we even took a good look.

Women's Aid, a prominent victims' support organization in Ireland, reports that domestic violence kills more women from the ages of 15 to 44 than do cancer, road accidents, war and malaria combined.

Nevertheless, despite the efforts of legions of women's advocates, loved ones still suffer violence at the hands of partners every day.

In 2000, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence estimated 50 percent of women could be affected by domestic violence.

At college, domestic violence is the angry elephant in the room that no one wants to mention. Outside of domestic-violence-awareness offices on campus, you probably will not hear groups of students talking about the issue.

Even though students should know better, it is still easier to believe the stereotypes, that domestic violence happens to impoverished, alcoholic housewives, not college students with the world waiting for them.

Think again. In an extensive study by the National Institute of Justice and the Bureau of Justice Statistics, researchers found that colleges with 10,000 students could experience approximately 350 rapes per year. The majority of victims reported that partners or friends were the perpetrators.

Unfortunately, limitless opportunities exist for women to be assaulted in the university community. Forget about the nervous walk across campus after midnight: Women may find themselves fighting off zealous partners behind closed doors, in back rooms during Greek Row parties, and inside private student apartments.

Throw the ubiquitous presence of alcohol into the mix and combine these factors with the vulnerability of new students to

further complicate the problem. This is the ugly side of the independence college students receive after they leave home: It's no safer out here than anywhere else.

Something has to change, but large-scale outreaches often prove unsuccessful by the time students reach college. Undergraduates and grad students simply have too much going on for any campus group to capture their attention en masse.

Instead, domestic-violence education needs to start sooner, even as early as junior high school. If we are old enough to talk about sex, we are also ready to learn about domestic violence.

Mandatory domestic-violence education would serve a twofold purpose: teach students to protect themselves in the future, and initiate public dialogue about sexual assault and relationship violence.

Until we feel comfortable speaking openly about abuse, we will never be able to confront the issue, or call for tougher sentencing and stronger protection of victims.

The passage of centuries has not changed the fact that our friends and relatives still live in fear. It's time we start talking.

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# npr

## norse poll responses

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*When the parking garage is finished, do you think it will help with the traffic at NKU?*



Charles Reynolds, Sophomore, Finance

*"No, I don't think it will help the traffic because there will still be a line to get to the parking garage."*



Kristiana Valentine, Sophomore, Early Childhood Education

*"I don't think so, because there is an increase in the number of cars due to the enrollment of the freshman."*



Mike Mastrandrea, Junior, Business Management

*"I personally think the only people who will use it will be those who get to school late and can't find or take the time to find a parking spot."*



R.P. Proctor, Sophomore, Speech Communication

*"I believe it will help, but it will not solve the overall parking problem."*



Shanta Alvis, Sophomore, Computer Science Tech.

*"I don't think so. There's going to be more traffic to me."*



Stasia Dimery, Sophomore, Middle School Education

*"Yes, obviously it will because it will provide more parking spots."*

# Revised SAT still flawed

By Joe Rodriguez  
*Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)*

They're trying to reform the SAT again, which is a good idea to turn a pit bull into a toy poodle. What they ought to do is euthanize this mutt.

This time they've added a writing section to the Scholastic Aptitude Test. That's because educators have been saying that writing is critical for success in college. Actually, university professors have been saying this for centuries. You have to wonder why the college board, which administers the test, has only now caught on.

Oh well, an essay question can't hurt, can it? I wish the SAT had used one when I was senior at Garfield High School in East Los Angeles. All I remember are algebra formulas I had never seen before, and multiple-choice, verbal questions that looked suspiciously like an IQ test.

The highest possible SAT score is 1600. I can't remember my exact score, because I don't want to, but it was under 900.

On second thought, I don't think a writing test would have jacked up my score all that much. And it won't make much difference today for students in schools like mine. They don't have as many advanced placement classes or experienced teachers. Nor do they have affluent parents who can pay for expensive SAT preparation courses, as they do at privileged schools. Poor schools that can't teach reading and mathematics aren't going to teach writing any better.

Did I forget to mention that the poorest schools in Latino and black neighborhoods often don't have enough textbooks and other basics? That helps explain the growing gap between Latino and black SAT scores, and white and Asian scores.

Since 1990, according to the College Board's own study, the average verbal score among Mexican-American students dropped 4 points and their math dropped 10 points. Meanwhile, white students increased their verbal scores by 9 points and white by 15. Asian scores rose by 16 in the verbal exam and 19 in math.

Some college systems,

including the University of California and Texas, try to compensate by accepting the top 10 percent or so of each high school's graduating class, but with mixed results. The fact is, most colleges across the country rely too heavily on the SAT. So do most scholarship programs.

Instead of tinkering with the SAT, we should kill it. Although the test has its roots in the racist eugenics movement of the early 20th century — they thought Jews and African-Americans were inherently dumb and college-incapable — the supporters of scholastic testing doggedly pursued an exam that would measure how much a student had learned in 12 years.

It wasn't a bad idea if it weren't so simplistic, lazy and easily exploited.

A major flaw of today's SAT is that it's vulnerable to coaching and short-term improvements. How can you trust a test that, for the \$800 flat, can produce a quick prep course, can produce a grade of 100 points?

A test isn't much good if it can't predict something, and the SAT has been proven to be a reliable predictor of college

success.

A few years ago, plucky little Muhlenberg College in Pennsylvania measured the first-semester grades of freshmen with SAT scores of about 1000 against freshmen with 1200 scores or better. The results were virtually identical.

But the absolute, worst assumption of the SAT is that any young person's potential can be reduced to a number. It assumes that, after four years of college, a 900-point student from a poor school cannot catch up to or surpass the 1400-point student from a wealthy school.

I don't know about the rest of you, but I'm sure glad my boss didn't ask for my SAT score when I applied. Come to think of it, none of my employers have ever asked.

Some years ago, former University of California President Richard Atkinson called for dumping the SAT. He wanted to replace it with tests that try to measure achievement in specific subjects, rather than overall aptitude. The testators shot him down, but it's still a good idea.

Let's hope the SAT will be replaced by a one-size-fits-all test that doesn't live up to its promise.

and change, and in the same way, so must newspapers. That's not to say that no one in our generation will read print news ever again — but a huge chunk of it will turn to the quickest and easiest way to get our information. Since that will likely be by computer or cell phone, these will become our favored methods.

So although I didn't provide a real solution to my editor's dilemma, at least we're communicating and trying to meet on the same page. We are a different audience from the ones newspapers have had in the past, but change equals challenge, and it's always a good thing to start thinking critically and creatively.

We'll get the news. But instead of the ruffling of paper, we'll hear the clicking of a mouse.

# Internet replacing newspapers

By Romina Garber  
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simple. We have been exposed to the wonders of the Internet.

Ours is a generation truly reared by convenience. From birth, with every step we have learned to take, technology has simultaneously taken another one. Calculators replaced pencils and scrap paper, computers replaced notepads and pens, and search engines replaced encyclopedias and visits to the library.

Now, instant messaging substitutes for phone calls, e-mails replace meetings and cellular phones replace any other form of communication.

This is the world we have grown up in, one in which everything that is developed or created or discovered aims to make our lives more convenient: one less step, one less action, one less anything. And we will continue to live our lives this way, always finding

the shortcut, because this is all we know.

But this lifestyle sure is expensive. We do our work on \$3,000 machines, we call our friends through \$150 devices, and we go from place to place in \$15,000 vehicles.

Newspapers don't fit this way of life.

Why go through the trouble of purchasing a newspaper and getting your fingers dirty when you can set a Google news alert for news items on subjects that interest you? When you can get news briefs on your cell phone every time something important happens? When you can surf the net for different newspapers? Web sites and skim through using a mouse to click on articles?

This means newspapers will have to evolve to keep up with their readership. Readers grow

and change, and in the same way, so must newspapers.

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## slimbone

by mike maydak



## horoscopes

For the week of Aug. 23-29

By Lasha Seniuk, Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service (KRT)

**Aries**  
(March 21-April 20)

Job assignments and career options are now changing. Before midweek expect delayed promotions or postponed group projects to arrive. Ask authority figures for detailed instructions or special permissions. At present, adding training or unique management skills will be essential for advancement. Late Friday social or romantic gossip may create unusual tensions between friends. Avoid serious discussions if possible. Your comments may be misunderstood.

**Taurus**  
(April 21-May 20)

A rare attraction may soon be distracting. Sensuality and romantic interest are now on the rise. Before Thursday expect friends or co-workers to be unusually attentive and expressive. Some Tauruses will also add unique hobbies or new forms of entertainment to their daily lives. Later this week family relations may also be affected. Loved ones may ask for special financial arrangements or revised home routines. Respond honestly to all controversial proposals.

**Gemini**  
(May 21-June 21)

Love affairs or new romance require careful planning. Someone close may wish to rush through key emotional decisions or quickly improve their private lives. Trust your own instincts. This is not the right time to avoid serious concerns or repeat unproductive behaviors. After Wednesday business routines change with-out warning. Canceled projects, revised time schedules or added employees may be a central theme. Stay focused. Accurate instructions will prove vital to success.

**Cancer**  
(June 22-July 22)

Early this week small errors, miscalculations or missed payments may cause bothersome financial delays. Large agencies or corporate leaders will now demand full disclosure or completed files. Timing and detailed paperwork are important. Recheck all requests. Wednesday through Saturday, isolated family members may request social expansion or creative group activities. Don't disappoint. Your enthusiasm will help loved ones change negative social habits.

**Leo**  
(July 23-Aug. 22)

Before midweek someone close may propose a unique career idea or business solution. Work partnerships and rare funding agreements will be affected. Although creative suggestions are worthwhile, applications or legal documents may be incomplete. Study all final documents thoroughly for basic flaws. Thursday through Sunday, social communications may become briefly problematic. Expect lovers or long-term friends to ask for extra time or special permissions.

**Virgo**  
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Bold workplace discussions or unexpected criticism from officials may now delay key projects. At present new colleagues may be misinformed, politically motivated or highly ambitious. Remain dedicated to individual accomplishments. After mid-September authority figures will provide effective management. Friday through Sunday, a mildly unethical romantic attraction may require diplomacy. Don't avoid difficult choices. Honest communications and decisive actions are needed.

**Libra**  
(Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Romantic invitations reveal unexpected levels of devotion or affection this week. Passionate encounters and rekindled promises may soon vie for your attention. Unattached Librans may need to choose between long-term relationships or potential lovers. Trust your first impressions. Your judgment will be accurate. Wednesday through Saturday, financial permissions arrive. Loans, completed applications and complex job assignments are featured. Expect fast results.

**Scorpio**  
(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

A second source of income may this week take precedence. Property investments, gained interest or private funding will now lead to valuable opportunities. If possible, opt for slow growth and accumulated wealth. Some Scorpions will also be presented with a variety of unique money options. If so, ask older colleagues or trusted officials for detailed advice. Caution may prove vital. Late Friday a social invitation may create new romantic possibilities. Remain optimistic.

**Sagittarius**  
(Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Complex business assignments may be further complicated by poor communications this week. Rely on group guidance or shared responsibility for direction. Authority figures or experienced colleagues may be reluctant to provide support. After midweek family relations begin deliberate discussion for several weeks. Traditional roles, daily expectations and ongoing financial changes will require diplomacy. Don't disappoint. Your guidance will be appreciated.

**Capricorn**  
(Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Over the next eight days, dreams, sudden impressions and quick hunches prove accurate. Areas affected are romantic triangles, social differences between friends or rare group disagreements. Avoid complex arguments if possible. Friends and lovers will not accept new ideas or admit recent mistakes. Later this week workplace and business relationships may also be affected. Thursday expect new colleagues or team managers to reveal private information. Remain silent.

**Aquarius**  
(Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Recently isolated loved ones will now voice a strong need for public affection. Emotional fulfillment, social involvement and renewed romantic commitments are a key concern. Plan unique events or family gatherings. A lengthy phase of emotional avoidance now needs to end. Thursday through Sunday, yesterday's financial investments or business decisions prove worthwhile. New income sources and long-term security are accentuated. Stay open to change.

**Pisces**  
(Feb. 20-March 20)

Social invitations and group events will now steadily increase. Some Pisceans, especially those born late in February, will also encounter a rare series of investments or financial proposals. Shared responsibility will be a key factor in success. Advocate common legal agreements and detailed public discussions. After midweek home renovations, travel plans and family celebrations demand attention. Loved ones expect your full commitment. Don't disappoint.

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## crossword

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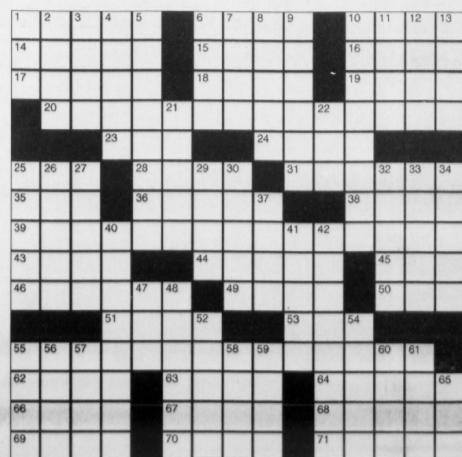
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Answers to this week's crossword will be published in next week's issue.



Designing a space that visually represents you as an individual can be a difficult task, especially when your canvas is a dull, drab dorm room.

## the Art of DORM ROOM Decoration

Many students who have open closets like to hang curtains to cover up clothes and food.

Christy Budai's bedspread fits her "total girl" mentality, because she likes to decorate her room in pink and purple shades.

Budai likes to add a touch of home. She said having stuffed animals in her room makes it feel nice and cozy.



Lance Angle said he brings the essentials to school, which include his stereo system and his fish tank (not pictured).

Once he gets a chance, Angle said he'll decorate his walls with Army and movie posters.

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It's a blank canvas waiting for an artist. Now 1,323 artists will have a chance to bring life to its otherwise banal features. Northern Kentucky University students might not be the next Picasso or Rembrandt, but they will be living in their artwork — their dorm rooms.

As children, students were forced to succumb to their parents' taste, which usually consisted of pink for girls and blue for boys.

The reasoning for this, said Dr. Cady Short-Thompson, associate communications professor, is because those colors are considered cultural norms.

As children grow older, Short-Thompson said, they might grow out of the pink/blue phase, but colors still remain connected with different sexes.

"Pastels and colors in the pink and purple families continue to be associated with, and encouraged, for females, whereas dark colors and black, blue and red are encouraged for boys," Short-Thompson said.

Christina Martinez, a junior speech communications major had a stereotypical girl experience in her room.

"When I was little, my room had a pink-based Strawberry Shortcake theme, which was not of my choosing," Martinez said.

Now, Martinez has taken designing in her own hands.

She said it took time to figure out what fit best in her dorm room, which, in the end, turned out to be something that best fit her personality.

"My college room has evolved over the time I have been in school. When I first when went away to school, I chose a cute, fun cherry design that was pretty trendy at the time," Martinez said.

"However, this didn't fit my personality and over time I started to regret the theme."

Martinez said she tried out different looks for her room before finally settling on her current color scheme. "This year my colors are red, blue and green very bold and bright," Martinez said.

"I have a poster of a salsa dancer in those three colors, which also reflects my interest and involvement in dance and culture."

Martinez isn't the only student on campus who is trying to place a personalized mark on the dorm room. Josh Gruver, a freshman sports business major, said, "Now that I'm on my own, I'm going to have it the way I want — make it more my style."

Gruver said his style focuses on being simple. Growing up he had a plain room with blue walls and a white bedspread and now he plans on bringing that mentality into his dorm room. He said he has a blue tie-dye bedspread and two

essentials, a television and a Playstation.

Lance Angle, a senior sociology major said when he was little it was hard to decorate his room because it had wooden panel walls. He solved the problem by putting wrestling posters all over his walls. Now that he is in the dorms, Angle said he still likes to use posters, but with a different theme than as a child.

"I'm in the Army National Guard, so a lot of my posters have a patriotic theme," Angle said. He added that he also likes posters of his favorite movies or any poster that he gets for free.

Angle said he also likes to keep his dorm room orderly. "I prop up my bed, and stick stuff underneath it to save space," Angle said. "I like to leave the middle of the room open, because it makes the dorm room look bigger."

Angle said he has the typical entertainment appliances in his room, stereo system, television, a DVD player and a computer, but an essential source for live entertainment that he can't live without is his pet shark, he said.

Angle said residential living allows students to keep fish as pets, but he had to have his roommate sign a waiver before he could allow his fish to swim in its tank.

While Angle's shark is making its own waves, Christy Budai, a senior criminal justice major, is making waves on her walls. "I like to put CDs on my walls in the form of a wave," Budai said.

"It makes it shiny, and gives a different look," Budai said her room fits her personality perfectly. "I'm a total girl, I like a lot of pinks, purples, and lots and lots of flowers."

Budai said she completes her room with her laptop and stuffed animals. "For fun, I have stuffed animals in my room," Budai said. "You gotta make it feel like home."

Even though the dorm room is an extension of a student's personality, Martinez said there seems to be a common theme in many of the women's rooms.

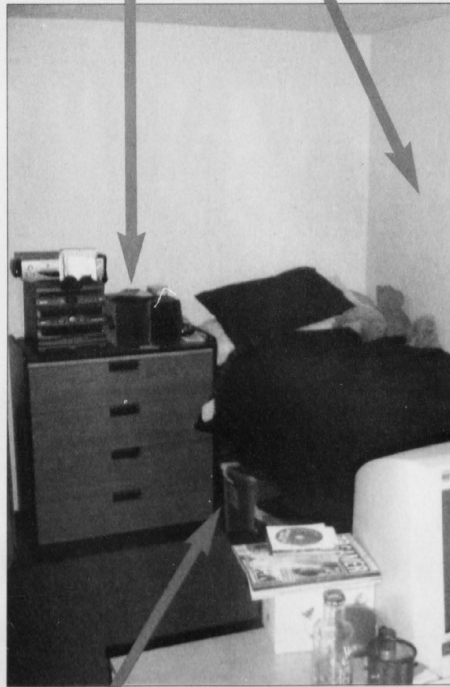
"A big trend in the halls is to get a pressure shower curtain rod and hang a curtain in front of the closet space," Martinez said. "Commonwealth, Kentucky, and Cumberland halls don't have closet doors in the rooms, so whenever anyone walks into the room, they see everything in your closet."

No matter what style you decide to decorate your dorm room, it belongs to you and is your masterpiece.

Martinez suggests decorating for you and not for what will match your roommate's side.

"The vast majority of the time, you will only be living with that person for one year, and the next year, you will still have the same old things, but a brand new roommate who already has her/his stuff for the room and then you won't match," Martinez said.

"I'm a big proponent of getting things you like and will last you at least four years, and who cares if you don't match your new roommate."



Angle said a great way he saves space is by propping up his bed, and putting everything in containers underneath.

Photos and illustrations by Mike Brennan.

## campuscalendar

### wednesday

- African American student affairs is hosting an ice cream social dubbed the Umoja Celebration. The event starts at 10 a.m. in the University Center.
- Saddle up and ride a mechanical bull in the University Center beginning at 10 a.m. The bull ride is in honor of Wacky Wednesday.
- Stand in line for souvenir photos at 10 a.m. in the University Center.

### thursday

- How's your singing voice? From 5:30-7:30 you'll be able to show off your talent with "Karaoke Idol" in the Norse Commons Lobby.
- The Rec room will be open until midnight so get out and meet your fellow Norse!
- Alcohol 101 will be taught from 4-6 in the Norse Commons Plaza.

### friday

- Lots of free food will be given at the University Center.
- From 6-10 check out the carnival at the Norse Commons Plaza.

### saturday

- Interested in other countries? The International Student Affairs picnic just might be the place to be!

### sunday

- Joining a fraternity or sorority? The NPHC meeting must be attended by anyone who wants to be involved.
- Actor's Intensive 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Old Science Building

### monday

- High School students will be visiting to check out the campus today.

### tuesday

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## Get up, stan up

### Campus comic finds success beyond halls of NKU

By JOSH BLAIR

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Matt Stanton is a college student who stands up for what he believes in — comedy.

For the past six months, the senior communication major has been performing as a stand-up comedian.

He has entertained during open mic nights at the Funny Bone in Newport, as well as other clubs throughout the tri-state.

Stanton said the audience's reaction towards him has been positive. "I've never had a time where they look at me like a complete idiot. They think of me as the little kid next door."

Jeff Jenna, owner of the Funny Bone, said, "I think Matt has done very well with the audience. I think he's come a long way. Even since his first performance, he seems to be a much stronger performer."

A good night isn't always based on the audience's reaction. "Some audiences are just there and they don't feel like laughing," Stanton said. "I go by how I felt it went."

He said he doesn't experience stage fright and loves being on stage, but does worry that he'll completely forget what he's doing.

A poor performance isn't necessarily a bad thing. For Stanton, it can be a learning experience. "It makes you realize you don't know



Josh Blair | Photographer  
Matt Stanton said he's influenced by Jim Carrey and Brian Regan.

everything and you always need to work harder," he said. "You may think you had a perfect night, but you always could change something."

Jenna said, "It's inevitable to have a bad night. Nobody in any profession has a great time every time."

"One of the things you learn over time in comedy is how to manage your bad nights, how to not let them be as bad as they can be."

After deciding to try a career in comedy, Stanton attended the Funny Bone's comedy school. Since then, he's had performances in Louisville, Dayton, Columbus and Indianapolis, as well as regular performances at the Funny Bone.

An influence for Stanton doing stand-up comedy was a speech class he took at NKU. He said, "All I did was stand-up every time I realized, 'Hey, I could actually do this.'"

One benefit Stanton's received from doing stand-up comedy is meeting women. However, it's not as great as it would seem. "Some were a little bit creepy and some were a little too hammered," he said, "but I've met some."

Stanton attributes his love of comedy to growing up watching Saturday Night Live. He learns to become a better comedian by studying comedy, reading about it and watching as many stand-up performances that he can.

Stanton's ultimate goal as a comedian is to do it for a living and eventually support his family by making people laugh.

"Making a living off stand-up comedy doesn't come easy. Jenna said, 'Stand up is a very tough business. How hard is it to become a brain surgeon? There may be eight or nine thousand neurosurgeons in America. Well, there are about 3,000 professional stand-up comics. So it's twice as hard as being a brain surgeon in my opinion.'"

Although it's difficult to make a living through stand-up comedy, Stanton has determination. "It just takes a lot of time and a lot of work," he said.

"If you don't put time into it people can tell and you won't get the reaction you want."

## Dorm decorating on a student budget



Photo contributed by KRT Campus

A good sense of style is attainable even when you can't smash down walls and rebuild a dorm room, as evidenced by the hip, trendy designs of today.

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What do white walls, industrial carpet, and small spaces have in common? They become a blank canvas for the students in the residential village at the beginning of each semester.

NKU guidelines don't allow students to paint, put holes in walls or have candles.

Students are often left with a strict budget and without much flexibility.

According to Judy Thomas, a professional interior decorator, these guidelines can be met with style to a dorm room.

"Pamels are a great idea. An old door, a pointed piece of plywood, anything like that," Thomas said.

"They can be held in place by a couch or bed, and you can hang frames or other artwork on them while also adding color to the room."

On less of an artistic side, she

said light colored pillows could be used to accent white walls. Mint green, light yellows and blues are a good way to keep some color while still keeping the room simple.

Windows are a great thing to decorate, curtains can make any room feel more like home, and plants add life to a small, cramped space.

"Bring color to your items that you can," she said. "Paint your own furniture, it's a great conversation piece."

For cost saving decorations painting clay pots and using them as storage containers, stringing up sea shells around a mirror or window, or even old band T-shirts cut up can add extra flare to a room. Thomas said to always try to do something unexpected and different.

Local businesses help college students that are designer challenged. Pier 1 Imports offers a 15 percent discount to college students with their ID.

Melissa Cummins, manager in training, said that her employees give free advice and

designing tips. In the store, there's an entire area devoted to college students and their decorating needs.

"Free standing shelving, baskets, hampers, rugs and end tables are all things that are on sale right now," Cummins said. "These items would be perfect to add personality to any dorm room."

Wondering what colors are in the world of Bohemian sheik and harem mistress are both great colors and are available at Pier 1, Cummins said.

If Pier 1 doesn't have the style a student is looking for, TJ Maxx has a large selection of college necessities. They currently have an entire section devoted to dorm living.

The store has a variety of bathroom styles, combining conventional with alternative design.

Whether the style or budget, local stores and employees are willing to help students turn their boring white walls into canvases' full of personality and color.

## College students face new health challenges

By SARAH SARLOS  
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COLUMBIA, S.C. — As a college freshman, you need to learn a patchwork of new things — auto maintenance; sleeping through your roommate's snoring; water imagery in 19th-century English poetry.

But the most important skill? Taking care of your health. Most likely, you will get sick during your first semester. The stress, late hours, cafeteria food, and the Petri dish of dorm living — are a recipe for malaise. Your mom won't be there with her cold washcloth and TV tray, so recovery (and prevention) are up to you.

"We get a lot of upper-respiratory problems and gastrointestinal illnesses," said Cicely Jenkins, who's been the director of nursing at the University of South Carolina for 18 years. "The season's changing, and in the residence halls, one person gets something and it spreads."

She added that mononucleosis — an infection that can keep its host out of commission for weeks — is another fairly common reason for visits to the health center.

There isn't much you can do about mono except try not to give it to anyone else (don't kiss or share eating utensils) while you're waiting for it to clear up.

For many freshmen, this fall will be their first time handling chronic health conditions alone. Benedict College head nurse Patricia Powell said that "quite a few" of Benedict's 2,800 students have chronic medical problems such as high blood pressure, asthma and diabetes.

"Some of them have a hard time managing," she said. "We do case management — we have them come back and visit us, give them handouts to read and schedule doctor's appointments."

Eating disorders also are prevalent in University environments — five percent to 20 percent of college women are affected, depending on which

study you read. "Eating disorders are a very sensitive thing," said Janet Ziegler, a clinical psychologist at USC, "so usually a friend or roommate or sister comes in to talk to us. We do consultations on how best to get help for the person they're concerned about."

Ziegler added that counselors are bound by confidentiality laws and will not discuss a student's personal health care with his or her parents.

College is a veritable cornucopia of young, single, attractive knowledge-seekers. You'll look as good to them as they do to you, so it's essential to start school with a healthy perspective on dating relationships.

Dating violence and emotional abuse are common in college-age relationships, said Tricia Pham, USC's Health and Wellness director.

"I think that's just systemic, based upon what these young folks are coming to school with knowledge of," she said. "They're not familiar with how to deal with anger in relationships in appropriate ways and

how to communicate needs in relationships in constructive, rather than destructive, ways."

Another rare but serious college health concern is meningococcal meningitis, a contagious infection and inflammation of meninges and fluids around the brain and spinal cord. It's caused by bacteria or viruses (bacterial meningitis is especially serious). According to the Mayo Clinic Web site, the incidence of meningitis is increasing among those 15-24, and about 10 percent of cases are fatal. It usually starts with a high fever, vomiting, headache and sometimes a stiff neck.

Jenkins didn't recall any student meningitis cases during her time at USC, but the Health Center encourages students to be vaccinated against it anyway.

"I have 5,000 letters going out about that," she said. "It isn't required, but we recommend it, as well as a Hepatitis B vaccine."

"If there's a vaccine out there for anything and you can take it, you should."



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Healthcare is an important issue often overlooked by students.



# Forced Induction: auto informative

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A problem I'm often faced with when hanging out with other car enthusiasts is I feel like I'm at a NAMBLA meeting.

It seems as though most car enthusiasts are in the over 30 crowd. I feel out of place when they talk about having kids, mortgages and wives. Those few who are close to my age are usually more interested in neon lights, big aluminum wings, vinyl decals, fart cannon mufflers and nitrous.

This column's goal is to reach out to college students like myself who are into more than just aesthetics. It's for people who are into gaining horsepower, increasing handling and like to watch real racing, not cars going around in circles.

It's also aimed to spark an interest in those who want to do more than just drive their car to school and work everyday. There's much fun to be had

with you car and most of it's affordable, even for a college student.

There's also a lot of racing going on in this area that few people are aware of. Autocross, rallycross, karting and drag racing events occur on a regular basis. There are also a number of major racetracks within a two hour driving distance.

This column will also include informative articles on car tips, safe driving tips, different types of engines, cheap places to get your car fixed and how to buy and sell used cars.

Hopefully this column will help satisfy some needs of the college car crowd and give more knowledge to those who have an interest in automobiles.

Feel free to e-mail me with any car-related questions. I'm no expert but I'll try my best to find an answer. So welcome to Forced Induction.

Let's ride.

E-mail questions to Josh at [lmgladlmmotagirl@yahoo.com](mailto:lmgladlmmotagirl@yahoo.com).



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Sports Scene

# High hopes for NKU sports

Last year was a great year for a lot of teams at Northern Kentucky University. In recognition of the school's success, the Norse finished fifth in the rankings for the Great Lakes Valley All-Sports Trophy.

The All-Sports trophy is given to the school in the GLVC which accumulates the most points based on its final standings in athletics during the school year. The higher the finish in standings, the more points the team is given. NKU won the All-Sports Trophy from the 1999-2000 and 2001-2002 seasons. Southern Indiana University won the award last year.

The Norse finished first in both men's and women's tennis as well as baseball after winning their respective conference tournaments. NKU finished second in softball and women's soccer after making it to the finals of their conference tournaments.

There were several NKU athletes named to their sports All-American team during the 2003-2004 season.

Derrick Moores was the GLVC Pitcher of the Year in baseball and was named Third Team All-American by the American Baseball Coaches Association.

Jonathan Ehlen of the men's golf team was named Honorable Mention All-American by the Golf Coaches Association of America.

Kim Keyser-Scott became the first three-time All-American in NKU Women's Golf history after garnering Second Team honors from the National Golf Coaches Association, and she was named the GLVC Player of the Year.

Softball player Krystal Lewallen won the GLVC Player of the Year and was named First Team All-American by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (the only NKU player to earn that honor). She posted the lowest earned run average in Division II Softball.

Volleyball player Kristin Koralewski was the GLVC Player of the Year and named First Team All-American by the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

Coaches from Northern received their share of honors as well. Geoff Crawford was the GLVC Men's Tennis Coach of the Year. Kathy Stewart was GLVC Softball Coach of the Year and Women's Soccer Coach Bob Sheehan was GLVC Co-Coach of the Year.

With all the success that the school had last season, the 2004-05 year kicks off with high expectations for many of the fall sports teams.

The teams in women's soccer and volleyball have been named as the favorite in each of their sports in the GLVC. The soccer team finished last season ranked eighth in the nation, and the volleyball team was ranked just outside the top 25 in the AVCA pre-season poll.

As the year begins, NKU athletes face high expectations. Judging from the successes of last year, the teams are more than capable of meeting or even exceeding those expectations.

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# NKU softball finishes strong

Norse one of the final eight teams in Div. II National Championship

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Last spring, the Northern Kentucky University Softball team was one of eight teams in Altamonte Springs, Florida competing for the NCAA Division II National Championships.

The Norse entered the Division II Finals with a 54-2 record overall, 19-1 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

NKU qualified for the tournament after defeating West Virginia Wesleyan 6-0, Lewis University 2-1, and Grand Valley State University 4-0 to win the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Tournament on their home turf.

"It was very nice and exciting to host the Regionals and win on your own field," Coach Kathy Stewart said.

The team faced Saint Cloud (Minn.) State University in the opening round.

The Norse played well behind superb pitching from Krystal Lewallen. Lewallen allowed only three hits, but lost 1-0 after a run-scoring single in the bottom of the sixth inning.

"We knew they had a good

hitting team, Stewart said. "We only had two hits, and two plays at the plate made the difference. They made theirs, we didn't make ours."

The elimination bracket found NKU facing Caldwell (N.J.) College, with the winner advancing and the loser's season ending.

Lewallen pitched well again, allowing only three hits and striking out 15 batters. But after loading the bases in the bottom of the seventh inning, a single ended the season for the Norse.

"One of the hardest parts was (waiting) around to receive your trophy from winning the Regional," Coach Stewart said.

"The whole tournament was part of a sports festival and there were all these young fourth-grade players who had adopted us as a team. We had to put a good face on things after the game."

The softball team did not have a senior on the roster last season, and the experience is expected to be a motivational tool for the next season.

"I told them unless you win, you're going to feel disappointed," Coach Stewart said. "The girls who are seniors now are determined to get back there...they know they could have done better."



NKU's softball team huddles during the game against Caldwell (NJ) College.

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# Norse volleyball gets high marks

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The Northern Kentucky University volleyball team was recently named a recipient of the American Volleyball Coaches Association's AVCA Academic award.

They were one of 31 NCAA Division II members that were awarded this honor.

Teams that receive the award range from high school boys' and girls' teams to NCAA Division I teams.

"This is a great achievement for our program," said NKU head volleyball coach Carlos Chia.

"We try as coaches to help our athletes to get a good education and an award like this is a great achievement."

In addition to receiving the academic team award for the 2003 season, the Norse volleyball team also received the award for the 2002 season.

The Great Lakes Valley Conference was well represented among NCAA Division II teams in this award category. NKU's conference opponents Bellarmine University were

honored with the AVCA award also.

"This award gives a great meaning to the word student athlete. It really shows that this team has some great students in addition to having some good athletes," said Coach Chia.

"The main goal in college athletics is to recruit athletes not just in the sport of volleyball, but in all sports, to be good students in the classroom. We don't recruit them to be professional athletes."

The Norse Volleyball team starts in volleyball. The Norse Volleyball team was named the 2003-2004 GLVC All-Academic Team: Marcela Cunha, Kristin Koralewski, Nicole Salisbury, Amber Timmons and Cammi Welser. Koralewski was also named the GLVC Scholar Athlete of the Year in volleyball.

The Norse Volleyball team starts in the 2004 season this weekend in Pensacola, Fla. The tournament takes place at the University of West Florida.

During the two-day tournament, NKU will face the University of West Florida, the University of Mississippi (Alo.), Mesa State College (Colo.), and the University of West Alabama.



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The Norse volleyball team recently received the AVCA Academic team award.

# Women's soccer team displays potential

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The 2004 Northern Kentucky University women's soccer team enters the season with a 57-match unbeaten streak against Great Lakes Valley Conference opponents, and is coming off its fifth consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance.

Coach Bob Sheehan's team returns seven starters from last year's eighth-ranked NCAA Division II team that finished 17-3-4 during the season and 9-0-1 in the GLVC. The team advanced to the conference tournament finals before losing to the University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

Among the returning starters are First Team All Great Lakes Region players senior defender Robyn Withers and junior midfielder Katie Hanck.

"Robyn has started every game since she was a freshman," Coach Sheehan said. "She's a real leader in the backfield. And Katie really works hard and is displays great leadership as well."

Also returning is last season's GLVC Freshman of the Year forward/midfielder Amy Law and the team's leader in

assists and returning leading scorer, midfielder Amy Martini. Martini had 11 assists and totaled 25 points for the season.

"(Law) is fast and showed a high skill level in her freshman season," Coach Sheehan said. "(Martini) is a fit, strong athlete who has really taken her training seriously."

The team will have to replace First Team All Great Lakes Region player and leading scorer Kendra Zinser, and Second Team All Great Lakes Region player Becky Schnieders who graduated last semester.

"You never really replace student athletes of that caliber," Coach Sheehan said. "They both brought a competitive spirit and attitude, and are two key losses."

"We're really going to have to come together as a team, and some of the other players will have to be counted on even more this season to replace those two," said Coach Sheehan.

Some new faces will be counted on to help the team as well. Kristen Votapek is a transfer from Mt. Vernon-Nazarene,

who's speed will be counted on to help the team. Laura Monterosso is a transfer from Wright State University, expected to help on defense.

Freshman Jayme Light and Kristen Lies from Coletrain High School have played well so far, as has fellow freshman Jeanna Gostelmann from Ursuline Academy.

Returning to the team is goalie Lauren Piening who last played at NKU in 2000, and along Sam Lewis from Westernling will give the Norse two quality goalies.

The Norse face a tough schedule this season, including a slate of non-conference games beginning August 27 at home versus Concord College. The team will also play host to national powers Tusculum College September 3 and Christian Brothers University on September 5. The team has already faced Division I schools Xavier University and Ohio University in scrimmages.

"We scrimmaged Xavier and Ohio to get us used to playing a high-level of opposition. The experience helped us where we need to be. Tusculum and

Christian Brothers are top-10 programs."

GLVC season play kicks off September 17 at home against Wisconsin-Parkside. NKU lost to Wisconsin-Parkside on penalty kicks at the GLVC Tournament Finals last season (the game is officially a 1-1 tie, keeping Northern's GLVC unbeaten streak alive). September 19, the Norse play their second consecutive home game against conference

"The conference is strong, there are a lot of teams who can compete," Coach Sheehan said. "Indianapolis had the player of the year last season, Jenna Silverman."

"There are a lot of tough teams: Wisconsin-Parkside, Indianapolis, Missouri-St. Louis. Hopefully our non-conference games against tough teams will help us for the season."

Sheehan enters his eighth season as head coach, entering with a 125-25-11 career record. He was GLVC Co-Coach of the Year Last Season, the fourth season in a row he has either won or shared that honor.

With the league winning streak in fact and the strength of competition, the Norse have a long road ahead, but are more than equipped to do it.



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Aug 25, 2004

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Aug. 24	Step @ 6:30pm
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Aug. 27	Strength and Toning @ 5:00pm
Aug. 28	Kickboxing @ 10:30am



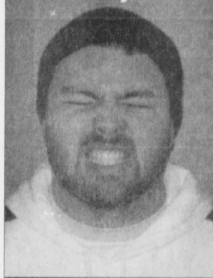
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Aug. 31	Deep Water @ 5:30pm
Sept. 1	Kickboxing @ 6:00pm
Sept. 2	Step @ 6:30pm
Sept. 3	Strength and Toning @ 5:00pm
Sept. 4	Kickboxing @ 10:30am

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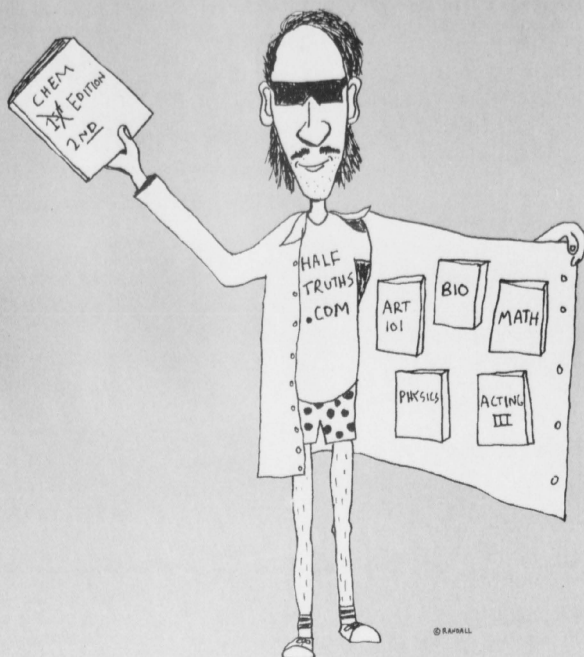
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